

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 4, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Primarily Billings The position may also involve working with the non-game biologist from Glasgow, Great Falls, Billings, and Miles City so may involve inter regional coordination and travel to these regions for field work for extended periods during the summer.

WORK START/END DATES: May 23, 2019 to August 23, 2019

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 23, 2019- May 27, 2019

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$11.00 plus per diem at state rates when in the field; a shared trailer **may** be made available for housing. There is no overtime for this position, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends. A state vehicle will likely be available. Individuals may need to use personal vehicle for part of all of summer if state/federal vehicle not available. Interns would be compensated for mileage at current state rates. Duration of the job depends on funding.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Intern will assist FWP biologists with various tasks associated with game and non-game wildlife management. The successful candidate will be expected to communicate with private land owners in a professional manner. This position will provide the opportunity for a motivated student to learn and apply a variety of field techniques which may include trapping, handling, recording data and identification of small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, radio telemetry tracking of tagged turtles, various bird survey methods, aquatic and terrestrial habitat assessments and maintenance work on Wildlife Management Areas. Multiple day backpacking trips in the Beartooth mountains may be required several times throughout the summer and the intern will be responsible for providing their own backpacking gear and supplies for alpine

camping. This position will also require some data entry responsibilities using Access, Excel and ArcGIS and use of a handheld GPS and digital maps to navigate to field sites.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited university or college program. This includes all public, private, community, vo-tech, and Native American institutions of higher learning. Preference will be given to those individuals enrolled in a program with wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, zoology, or closely related field.

Successful applicant will be detail-oriented, organized, able to follow oral and written directions accurately and work well independently and as part of a team. Applicants must be physically fit, able to hike long distances carrying a heavy pack and able to work safely and comfortably in adverse weather, buggy conditions and bear/moose country.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses to Megan O'Reilly at moreilly@mt.gov

For more information regarding this position, please contact Megan O'Reilly at moreilly@mt.gov or 406-247-2966.